

**Village of Wellington
Council Meeting Minutes**

Hans Schneider, Mayor

**Council: Gene Hartman, Council President, William Bogan, Mark Bughman, Helen Dronsfield,
Keith Rowland and Guy Wells**

Council Chambers/Teleconference

April 5, 2021

7:00 PM

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Schneider called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance
2. **ROLL CALL**

Councilman William Bogan – Present	Council President Gene Hartman – Present
Councilman Mark Bughman – Present	Councilman Keith Rowland – Present
Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield – Present	Councilman Guy Wells – Present
Others Present – Mayor Schneider, Village Manager Dupee, Finance Director Pfeiffer, Chief Barfield, Clerk of Council O'Brien	
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion by Wells, 2nd by Bughman to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2021 council meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
4. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** – Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Rowland to approve the expenses and pay the bills. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

101 General Fund	\$ 115,141.15
202 State Highway Fund	\$ 3,605.78
210 CRF 19	\$ 157.69
211 Cemetery	\$ 16,595.75
291 Safety Services Memorial	\$ 36.00
401 Capital Improvement	\$ 42,635.77
501 Water Fund	\$ 74,539.51
502 Sewer Fund	\$ 25,064.89
503 Electric Fund	\$ 74,604.75
Power Bills	\$ 541,952.90
504 Garbage Fund	\$ 27,517.15
505 Cable TV Franchise Fund	\$ 1,717.00
506 Storm Sewer Capital	\$ 2,317.58
508 Consumer Deposit Refunds	\$ 228.05
Pay 6	\$ 120,717.55
Total	\$ 1,046,831.52
5. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS**
 - Mayor Schneider
 - Law Director Bond - Absent
 - Chief Barfield – Nothing to report
 - Finance Director Pfeiffer – Mrs. Pfeiffer mentioned that her summary was included in the council packet and offered to answer any questions.
 - Village Manager Dupee – Mr. Dupee mentioned that his report and those of the department superintendents were included in the packet, and he had nothing to add. Mayor Schneider thanked Mr. Dupee for communicating with ODOT concerning the use of mirrors at Kelly St. and Clay St., which they concluded was not a solution. Mr. Hartman mentioned that he was happy to see that ODOT would be in support of crosswalks at Kelly St. with rapid flashing beacons; Mr. Dupee mentioned that he would be applying for a safety grant for the equipment. Chief Barfield mentioned that his department ran radar, finding an average speed (when over the speed limit) of 33 MPH. He further mentioned that they found no flagrant speeding through the underpass. Mr. Dupee answered questions from Mr. Bughman in regard to the Housing Council minutes, which were included in the packet.
 - Public Participation - None
 - Main Street Wellington – No Report
6. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**
 - Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed the 2021 wage increase recommendations. Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Rowland to accept the 2021 wage increase recommendations for all tiered and non-tiered employees, effective the first pay in April. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. He mentioned that they discussed an increase for the Zoning Inspector. Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Bughman to increase Gerald Fishbaugh’s salary from \$12,500 per

year to \$15,500 per year, effective the first pay in April. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes". Mr. Hartman mentioned that the Fire Board Minutes and the SLCAD Board Minutes were included in the packet.

- Police – Mr. Wells reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed ways of disseminating information on job applicants, and took no action. He mentioned that the committee will meet on April 19th prior to council.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee met prior to council and was updated on miscellaneous projects. Motion by Dronsfield, 2nd by Bughman to re-hire Ryan Whitaker, Corey Feran, and Jonathon Cwalina as seasonal summer employees for the Rec. Park at \$11.00 per hour, and to increase Jake Griffin, part time employee, to \$11.00 per hour, effective immediately. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes". Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee heard from Teresa Bosela and Carol Burke on the popularity of Pickle Ball, for people of all ages. Motion by Dronsfield, 2nd Bughman to turn one basketball court into three Pickle Ball courts. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes". Ms. Dronsfield reported that the Ohio Softball Athletic Association has decided to hold the district semi-finals and finals games at the Rec. Park! She mentioned that it was a compliment to Jason Gundert and the Public Works Dept. for putting such a fine facility together.
- Utility – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed the publishing of the 2021 Consumer Confidence Report, Charlemont Creek, the reservoir, and village water tested below detectible limits for round-up, and a \$25 credit for customers who participate in the lead and copper testing. He mentioned that the old bucket truck sold for \$32,000 on govdeals.com. Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Bughman to hire Christopher Wade Lamp Sr. as seasonal mower at \$14.50 per hour effective May 1st, and to re-hire Matt Norton as a seasonal summer employee for the Wastewater plant, at \$11.00 per hour effective May 17th. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".
- Ordinance – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee met briefly to approve the minutes.
- Personnel – Mr. Bogan had nothing to report.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-06

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW SECTION 137.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO VILLAGE-AUTHORIZED SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS 3rd Reading

Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Rowland to move the third reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 521.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO GARBAGE, TRASH, AND RUBBISH 3rd Reading

Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Wells to move the third reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN REVENUES AND EXPENSES 2nd Reading

Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Wells to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-09

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES PURSUANT TO OHIO R.C. 731.23 BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY 1st Reading

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2021 1st Reading

Motion by Wells, 2nd by Bughman to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

Motion by Wells, 2nd by Bughman to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-11

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW SECTION 925.15 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AUTHORIZING A CREDIT FOR LEAD AND COPPER TESTING 1st Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-12

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE HOUSING COUNCIL MEETING BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HOUSING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY 1st Reading

8. OLD BUSINESS

Cemetery Board – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the Spring Cleanup is April 15th. She further mentioned that all flowers will be let at the grave sites, however, all Easter decorations will need to be removed from the Cemetery before April 15th. Items may be returned to the grave sites a week later.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Charter Commission – Mayor Schneider reported that the Charter Commission will meet virtually on April 7th at 5:00 PM, and invited councilmember to join in. He further reported that the commission will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays thereafter. He mentioned that the first meeting will be mostly organizational, and that right now, they have three items which need to be addressed.

In Person Meetings – Mayor Schneider announced that council will be meeting in person, on May 3rd. He reported that masks would be required, and mentioned that anyone not comfortable attending in person would be able to attend by teleconference.

10. ADJOURN – Motion by Bughman, 2nd by Bogan to adjourn at 7:23 PM